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SUBJECT: ICNAF REGULATIONS

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1. ON JANUARY 6 EMBASSY OFFICER, DRAWING EXTENSIVELY ON MATERIAL CONTAINED IN REFTEL, PRESENTED US VIEWS TO GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING THE LIKELY CONSEQUENCES OF GDR NOTE NO. RV 192/74 FOR THE ICNAF REGULATORY PROGRAM. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GDR NOTE, UNLESS WITHDRAWN, THREATENED TO UNRAVEW THE REGULATORY PACKAGE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED AT THE 1974 ANNUAL AND MIAMI MEETINGS AND WARNED THIS COULD INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEW CONGRESS MIGHT TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION TO PRESERVE MARINE RESOURCES OFF THE US COAST. EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT THE GDR HAD GIVEN GENEROUS SUPPORT TO US MARINE CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THE PAST. IN URGINE THE GDR TO WITHDRAW ITS NOTE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, HE SPECULATED THAT CONTENTS OF GDR NOTE MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM EAST GERMAN LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH ICNAF REGULATIONS.

2. SIEMENS, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S USA DESK OFFICER, AND A JUNIOR OFFICER FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LEGAL DIVISION, SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD US POSITION. THEY INDICATED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSULT EXPERTS IN THE FOREIGN
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MINISTRY AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GDR

AGENCIES, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE MINISTRY OF
DISTRICT-MANAGED INDUSTRY. THEY PROMISED TO GIVE
MATTER PRIORITY ATTENTION AND TO CONTACT EMBASSY ASAP.COOPER

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